

Church Profile

- ❖ Grace Baptist Church is an independent Baptist Church
 - It is completely self-governing
 - It calls its own pastor.
 - It finds and supports its own group of missionaries
- ❖ Grace Baptist is a fundamental Baptist Church
 - Fundamentals are a set of beliefs and practices historically held to by Baptists
 - The Five Fundamentals
 - The inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture
 - The deity and virgin birth of Christ
 - The creation and fall of man
 - The substitutionary atonement of Christ
 - The bodily resurrection, ascension, and return of Christ
 - Accompanying Truths
 - The trinity
 - The regeneration of believers
 - The personal and imminent return of Christ
 - The resurrection and final assignment of all men to eternal blessedness or eternal woe.
- ❖ Baptist Distinctives
 - **B** – Biblical Authority – The Bible is our sole authority for faith and practice
 - **A** – Autonomy – A New Testament, local church is to be self-governing
 - **P** – Priesthood of the believer
 - Each believer is able to come to God directly because of the completed high-priestly work of Jesus Christ.
 - A matter of **ACCESS** to God
 - **T** – Two Offices of the church
 - Pastor (bishop, elder used interchangeably with pastor)
 - Deacon
 - **I** – Individual Soul Liberty – Every believer is personally responsible to God for his actions.
 - A matter of **ACCOUNTABILITY** to God.
 - **S** – Saved membership – Only those who have a personal faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation are to be members of the church.
 - **T** – Two Ordinances
 - Not sacraments
 - Baptism
 - The Lord’s Supper
 - **S** – Separation of Church and State